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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO US OF DUTCH OIL OFFICIALS

TO DISCUSS US/DUTCH OIL COOPERATION

1. MFA DIRGEN ITALIANER CALLED IN ECON/COMMERICAL COUNSELOR NOV 27 TO SUGGEST THAT IN LIGHT OF GROWING EVIDENCE THAT USG IS MOVING AHEAD IN CONSIDERATION OF OIL ASSISTANCE TO NETHS, ITMIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR GON TO SEND HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE MODALITIES AND TIMING. ITALIANER INDICATED TEAM WOULD CONSIST OF MINECON DIRGEN WANSINK PLUS ONE OTHER OFFICIAL AND SUGGESTED MID-JANUARY AS POSSIBLE DATE.

2. DRAWING ON GRIM ASSESSMENT OF DUTCH SUPPLY POSITION JUST RECEIVED FROM CHEVRON MANAGING DIRECTOR PILIERO (HAGUE 5192), ECON COUNSELOR EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IF USG SHOULD DECIDE TO SHIP OIL TO HOLLAND, MID-JANUARY MIGHT BE ON THE LATE SIDE FOR DISCUSSION OF DETAILS, SINCE BY THAT TIME AT LEAST ONE REFINERY (CHEVRON) IS EXPECTED TO BE OUT OF ACTION FOR LACK OF CRUDE WITH OTHERS SOON TO FOLLOW. UNLESS OAPEC CRUDE WAS REACHING ROTTERDAM IN EVASION OF BOYCOTT OR GON WAS PREPARED TO ENCOURAGE REFINERIES TO DIP INTO 65-DAY EMERGENCY RESERVES

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(WHICH SEEMS IMPRUDENT), GON MIGHT WELL FIND THAT AVAILA-

BILITIES OF PRODUCT FOR DOMESTIC MARKET, FRG AND BELGIUM WOULD SOON (PERHAPS BY MID-FEBRUARY) BEGIN TO FALL BELOW 75-PERCENT-OF-NORMAL BENCHMARK OF WHICH EMERGENCY PLANNING OF THREE COUNTRIES APPEARS TO BE BASED.

3. ITALIANER APPEARED SOMEWHAT SHAKEN BY THIS ASSESSMENT AND AGREED TO CONSULT WANSINK AGAIN. HE LATER PHONED ECON COUNSELOR TO SAY THAT WANSINK WAS AGREEABLE TO EARLIER VISIT AND WONDERED WHETHER CONSULTATION MIGHT NOT BE SCHEDULED TO COINCIDE WITH HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK IN EARLY DEC IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF OECD HIGH LEVEL OIL GROUP (OECD PARIS 29858). SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE EARLY JAN. HE FELT THAT TWO SEPARATE VISITS TO US IN DEC WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO WORK IN. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS SUGGESTION ARE URGENTLY SOLICITED.

4. COMMENT. WHILE EC SUMMIT DEC 14-15 AND SUBSEQUENT HLG MEETING MIGHT AFFECT NEED FOR US ASSISTANCE TO NETHS, AND RECOGNIZING THAT WASHINGTON PLANNERS MAY NOT BE FULLY READY TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF SUCH ASSISTANCE BEFORE THEN IN ANY CASE, WE THINK IT WOULD STILL BE USEFUL FOR WANSINK TO MEET WITH US OFFICIALS WHO WILL ADMINISTER PROGRAM, ACHIEVE COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF SUPPLY PROBLEM AND ESTABLISH MECHANISM FOR OPERATIONAL COORDINATION WHEN NEED FOR ACTION ARISES. MFA HAS EMPHASIZED THAT THIS CONSULTATION SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND THAT EVEN DUTCH EMB IN WASHINGTON WOULD NOT BE INFORMED FOR TIME BEING.
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